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Security Pacts with Other Countries
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposesto enter into any security pacts like whiteshipping pacts with various countries forreciprocal exchange of information ofMerchant Vessels to bolster its MaritimeDomain Awareness (MDA) and tacklethreats emanating from the sea; and
(b) if so, the details, objectives and thepresent status thereof, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a)&(b): In 2014, the Government had approved the proposal to conclude bilateraland multilateral agreements for exchange of white shipping information with Navies, Coast Guards and agencies entrusted with maritime security of 26 countries and 3 multinational groups. These agreements, which enable exchange of unclassified information, are not security pacts per se, but would help augment existing capabilities to develop Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), thus aiding maritime security. So far agreements have been operationalized with three countries and signed with three more.

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